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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS)  
 (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(o) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

I hereby declare that I am

☒ the owner of the small business concern identified below;  
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf  
 of the concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled SAME AS ABOVE  
 by inventor(s) ROGELIO AREAL GUERRA  
 described in

☒ the specification filed herewith  
 application serial no. 09/744645, filed 1-29-01  
 patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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**Declaration and Power of Attorney For  
Patent Application  
English Language Declaration**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PRODUCT FOR THE DE-ACIDIFICATION OF CELLULOSE MATERIAL, AND PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

the specification of which

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☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on 1-29-01- as  
 Application Serial No. 09/744,655-  
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 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
<u>9801733</u>	<u>SPAIN</u>	<u>31 JULY 1998 ✓</u>	Yes No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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